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1. A production quota of 19,350 square meters of fine nickel screen has been set for the last quarter of 1953 at the Maschinenfabrik Tewa at Neustadt-Orla. It is hardly to be expected that this quota will be filled. Production in the third quarter fell short of quota by 5,000 square meters. Material shortages limit production in the wire-weaving shop. All the nickel wire screen produced goes to the Soviet Union. Each shipment is tested for strength, uniformity and chemical characteristics. Only pure nickel wire may be used. Deliveries of materials are very irregular. The wire comes from West Germany in all probability. The plant's own trucks haul the material, mainly from Halberstedt by the Westernhäuserstrasse.
2. Part of the machines in the plant are being converted for the manufacture of perlon fabric both for the Soviet Union and for various plants in the Soviet German Zone.

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